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LARGER 1973 AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PACKS

Australia and South Africa report larger 1973 packs of canned deciduous fruit. Combined production totaled 19.5 million cases, basis 24/2½'s, 6 percent above 1972. Australian production totaled 10.3 million cases and South African production 9.1 million cases. Production of mixed fruits and pears was larger in both countries. Production of peaches was larger in Australia and apricots slightly larger in South Africa.

Current estimates indicate larger 1973 canned fruit exports by both Australia and South Africa. Export gains are indicated in all Australian items and all South African items except apricots. Total Australian exports are estimated at 8.4 million cases and South African exports at 10.4 million cases.

Australia

Australian 1973 canned deciduous fruit production is reported above 1972, but below the large packs of 1970 and 1971. Production totaled 10.3 million cases, 9 percent above 1972 and 2 percent above the 1966-70 average. Larger packs were reported for peaches, pears, and mixed fruit. Only apricots registered a decline from 1972.

Canned peach production totaled 4.6 million cases, slightly above both 1972 and the 1966-70 average. Strict quality standards were imposed. The canning peach crop in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area of New South Wales was good. Dry conditions were reported in the Goulburn Valley of Victoria, however, production was above average and incidence of brown rot exceptionally low. Some sizing problems were evident in parts of Victoria, but virtually all available canning grade peaches were accepted by canners.

Lower carryin and a brighter marketing outlook encouraged canners to pack more pears. Canned pear production totaled 3 million cases, 33 percent above 1972, but below the large packs in 1970 and 1971. Fresh production of Bartletts continued to exceed requirements and canner intake restrictions left a significant surplus with no home. The current level of Bartlett acreage in the Goulburn Valley indicates normal fruit production levels will continue to exceed consumption.

Canned apricot production was reduced by dry conditions early in the season and a heatwave during ripening which caused harvesting and handling problems. The 1973 pack totaled 711,000 cases, 15 percent below 1972 and below the 1966-70 average.

Mixed fruit production was 2.1 million cases, a level surpassed only in 1970. Production levels of individual mixed fruit items in 1973 were: Fruit cocktail 1.1 million cases, two fruits 948,000 cases, and fruit salad 78,000 cases.

Domestic consumption is relatively small. Total 1973 domestic shipments are estimated at 3.1 million cases, approximately 28 percent of the shipments to all markets. Peaches are the major domestic item and accounted for 45 percent of domestic shipments during 1972, followed by pears 21 percent, apricots 18 percent, and mixed fruit 16 percent.

Exports provide the primary sales outlet. Smaller Northern Hemisphere supplies contributed to a strong demand for 1973 Australian fruit. Exports are estimated at 8.4 million cases, a level exceeded only by the 1968 record of 8.6 million cases. All individual items were up substantially. Peach exports are estimated at 3.6 million cases, pear exports 2.9 million cases, mixed fruit exports 1.6 million cases, and apricot exports 350,000 cases during 1973.

The United Kingdom was the largest market for all items. West Germany and Canada are major markets for pears and together with Japan are important outlets for peaches. The United States imported 31,100 cases of Australian peaches; 32,300 cases of Australian pears; 15,000 cases of Australian mixed fruit, and 5,200 cases of Australian apricots during calendar 1973.

Production of canning fruit is centered in the State of Victoria, where 65 percent of the 1972 deciduous fruit pack was processed. Victoria is by far the major producer of all fruit items and provides 48 percent of Australia's bearing peach acreage, 67 percent of the pear acreage, and 30 percent of the apricot acreage. Other commercial canning States are New South Wales and South Australia. Total Australian bearing acreage of apricots and peaches has declined slightly since 1970 while that of pears is slightly

higher. Bearing area planted to these three crops was estimated at 5.4 million trees in 1973.

Minimum 1973 grower prices (in Australian currency) were unchanged except apricot prices which were reduced 9 percent. Currency rate changes increased the U.S. dollar equivalent for all items. Cannerys are required to pay at least these minimum levels to qualify for sugar rebates paid under the Sugar Agreement between the Australian Government and State of Queensland.

Australia announced opening 1973 U.K. prices at levels considerably above the 1972 opening level, then quickly increased these levels by about 3.5 percent. Domestic wholesale price levels were increased for most packs on May 1, 1973.

In November, the Australian Government announced its decision to provide US \$2.24 million (\$A1.5 million) in additional assistance to the canned fruits industry. The decision resulted from examination of a submission by the Australian Canned Fruits Board for assistance to offset the adverse effects of international currency realignments in late 1971 and 1972 prior to the December 1972 revaluation of the Australian dollar. Payments will be allocated to export canneries based on 1972 exports of canned apricots, peaches, pears, and mixtures of these fruits. Payments to cooperative canneries which received Government loans in 1972 will be used toward repayment of the loans.

South Africa

South Africa recorded a larger canned deciduous fruit pack despite drought conditions. Production totaled 9.1 million cases, 3 percent above 1972. Drought damage was

reported severe in the Hex River Valley, the Langkloof, and the Ceres and Montague districts.

Canned 1973 peach production totaled 5.3 million cases, 3 percent below the large 1972 pack of 5.5 million cases. Drought conditions produced fruit size but quality was good. Grower deliveries of peaches to canners were down 2 percent. Reports indicate new bearing acreage of pears and increasing production of young trees contributed to the larger pear production.

The 1973 pear pack is reported at 1.5 million cases, 10 percent above 1972 and the 1966-70 average. Quality was good, but sizes were small. Production of mixed fruit continued its upward trend totaling 1.7 million cases, 21 percent above 1972. Apricot production totaled 603,000 cases.

Domestic consumption is relatively small and export sales are the major outlet. Total 1973 exports are estimated at a record 10.4 million cases, 23 percent above 1972. All individual items reached record levels, except apricots. Canned peach exports are estimated at 6.6 million cases, pears, 1.5 million cases, and mixed fruit 1.7 million cases. Apricot exports are estimated at 610,000 cases, 2 percent below 1972. The United Kingdom remains the largest market for all items. Continental Europe is also an important market for South African fruit.

South African growers enjoyed higher prices for canning fruit during the 1973 season. Controlled minimum grower prices were increased on all items. Clingstone peaches were increased the most. Minimum prices for Royal and Bulida apricots were reported at US \$87.60 per short ton, Clingstone peaches US \$96.66 per ton and Bartlett pears US \$72.14 per ton.

South African canned fruit production and exports, 1969-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Canned Fruit	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Production:					
Apricots	669	343	721	596	603
Peaches	4,927	4,729	5,526	5,472	5,322
Pears	1,547	1,503	1,562	1,379	1,520
Mixed fruit	1,119	1,187	1,346	1,380	1,673
Total deciduous	8,262	7,762	9,155	8,827	9,128
Exports:					
Apricots	524	358	512	624	610
Peaches	4,202	3,901	3,979	5,018	6,578
Pears	1,204	1,123	1,004	1,347	1,511
Mixed fruit	899	1,003	1,003	1,439	1,671
Total deciduous	6,829	6,385	6,498	8,428	10,370

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

South African canned peach supply and distribution, 1970-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, Nov. 1 ..	562	832	1,831	1,660
Production	4,729	5,526	5,472	5,322
Total	5,291	6,358	7,303	6,982
Distribution:				
Exports	3,901	3,979	5,018	6,578
Domestic disappearance	558	548	625	629
Ending stocks, October 31..	832	1,831	1,660	225
Total	5,291	6,358	7,303	6,982

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans

2/ Estimate

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit production
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of fruit	Average					1971	1972	1973 2/
	1956-60 : 1961-65 : 1966-70 :							
Apricots:								
Australia	702	651	782	699	773	1,206	840	711
South Africa	742	816	663	669	343	721	596	603
Total	1,444	1,467	1,445	1,368	1,116	1,927	1,436	1,314
Peaches:								
Australia	1,863	3,183	4,546	4,063	3,934	4,854	4,478	4,567
South Africa	2,084	3,325	4,752	4,927	4,729	5,526	5,472	5,322
Total	3,947	6,508	9,298	8,990	8,663	10,380	9,950	9,889
Pears:								
Australia	2,130	2,788	3,115	1,795	4,394	3,478	2,225	2,965
South Africa	550	954	1,394	1,547	1,503	1,562	1,379	1,520
Total	2,680	3,742	4,509	3,342	5,897	5,040	3,604	4,485
Mixed fruits:								
Australia	233	517	1,698	1,568	2,394	1,777	1,909	2,094
South Africa	379	338	948	1,119	1,187	1,346	1,380	1,673
Total	612	855	2,646	2,687	3,581	3,123	3,289	3,767
1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.								
2/ Estimate								

South African canned pear supply and distribution, 1970-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 ..	277	374	670	427
Production	1,503	1,562	1,379	1,520
Total	1,780	1,936	2,049	1,947
Distribution:				
Exports	1,123	1,004	1,347	1,511
Domestic disappearance	283	262	275	283
Ending stocks, October 31	374	670	427	153
Total	1,780	1,936	2,049	1,947

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

South African canned apricot supply and distribution, 1970-73
(in thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 ..	112	45	202	109
Production	343	721	596	603
Total	455	766	798	712
Distribution:				
Exports	358	512	624	610
Domestic disappearance	52	52	65	68
Ending stocks, October 31	45	202	109	34
Total	455	766	798	712

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

South African canned mixed fruit supply and distribution, 1970-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 ..	164	205	404	195
Production	1,187	1,346	1,380	1,673
Total	1,351	1,551	1,784	1,868
Distribution:				
Exports	1,003	1,003	1,439	1,671
Domestic disappearance	143	144	150	157
Ending stocks, October 31	205	404	195	40
Total	1,351	1,551	1,784	1,868

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

NOTE: Mixed fruit includes fruit cocktail, fruit salad, and two-fruits.

Commercial utilization of deciduous fruit by members of
the South African fruit canning industry, 1970-73
(In thousands of short tons)

Kind	1970	1971	1972	1973
Apples	8,002	8,267	7,937	<u>1/</u>
Pears, Bartlett	41,001	48,896	46,277	53,143
Apricots	9,917	17,836	16,645	14,189
Peaches, Clingstone	103,365	120,452	120,163	117,847

1/ Not available.

South African minimum grower prices for fresh deciduous
fruits for processing, 1970 through 1973 1/ 2/
(In dollars per short tons)

Kind	:	1970	:	1971	:	1972	:	1973
Apricots:	:		:		:		:	
Royal	:	86.80	:	92.40	:	78.62	:	87.60
Bulida	:	72.80	:	86.80	:	76.20	:	87.60
Peaches:	:		:		:		:	
Clingstone	:	77.70	:	86.80	:	78.02	:	96.62
Pears:	:		:		:		:	
Bartlett	:	78.40	:	74.90	:	61.69	:	72.14

1/ Grade 1

2/ Currency converted from Rands to Dollars at rate prevailing when price was announced. Not directly comparable with previous years.

SOURCE: Canning Apricot and Peach Board and Deciduous Fruit Board

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit exports
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of fruit	Average		Calendar year						
	1956-60	1961-65	1966-70	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	2/
<u>Apricots:</u>									
Australia	360	201	322	245	267	358	290	350	
South Africa	698	781	636	592	358	523	648	610	
Total	1,058	982	958	837	625	881	938	960	
<u>Peaches:</u>									
Australia	1,004	1,761	3,159	2,568	2,599	2,733	2,632	3,600	
South Africa	1,667	3,011	4,259	4,280	4,079	4,148	5,192	6,578	
Total	2,671	4,772	6,418	6,848	6,678	6,881	7,824	10,178	
<u>Pears:</u>									
Australia	1,655	2,098	2,229	1,494	2,244	2,372	2,114	2,900	
South Africa	388	829	1,162	1,296	1,143	1,111	1,241	1,511	
Total	2,043	2,927	3,391	2,790	3,387	3,483	3,355	4,411	
<u>Mixed fruit:</u>									
Australia	103	281	1,157	1,059	1,396	1,309	1,448	1,600	
South Africa 3/.....	4/	277	791	899	1,003	1,003	1,439	1,671	
Total	---	558	1,948	1,958	2,399	2,312	2,887	3,271	

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Forecast

3/ Year beginning November 1

4/ Not available.

Calendar exports of canned fruit by country of destination
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Fruit and destination	Australia		South Africa	
	1971	1972	1971	1972
<u>Apricots:</u>				
United Kingdom	162	137	228	229
Continental Europe	58	40	148	279
Canada	55	61	106	75
Other	83	52	41	66
Total	358	290	523	648
<u>Peaches:</u>				
United Kingdom	1,611	1,041	2,660	2,691
Continental Europe	777	880	1,124	1,994
Canada	211	330	144	108
Other	134	381	220	399
Total	2,733	2,632	4,148	5,192
<u>Pears:</u>				
United Kingdom	1,625	1,001	928	1,010
Continental Europe	173	461	59	168
Canada	203	237	14	6
Other	371	415	110	57
Total	2,372	2,114	1,111	1,241
<u>Mixed fruit:</u>				
United Kingdom	771	721	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Continental Europe	300	303	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Canada	123	253	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Other	115	171	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total	1,309	1,448	<u>3/</u> 1,439	<u>3/</u> 1,671

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

3/ Year beginning November 1.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board and South African Annual Trade Statistics.

Australian canned fruit pack by quality,
grade, and can size, 1972
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Grade	Apricots	Peaches	Pears	Mixed fruits <u>2/</u>	Total
Fancy (export)					
No. 2½	30	161	149	138	478
No. 1	13	91	32	59	200
8 oz	4	6	8	8	26
No. 10	18	101	64	95	278
Total	70	359	253	300	982
Choice (export)					
No. 2½	187	1,318	614	448	2,567
No. 1	77	773	715	540	2,105
8 oz	13	53	52	59	177
No. 10	60	216	142	182	600
Total	337	2,360	1,523	1,229	5,449
Standard (export)					
No. 2½	104	1,038	270	136	1,598
No. 1	58	71	28	70	227
8 oz	---	---	9	1	10
No. 10	32	42	7	28	109
Total	194	1,151	314	285	1,944
Domestic Pack					
No. 2½	169	467	83	54	773
No. 1	49	83	32	23	187
8 oz	1	2	2	---	5
No. 10	20	56	18	18	112
Total	239	608	135	95	1,077
Grand total	840	4,478	2,225	1,909	9,452

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Includes all mixed fruits other than tropical fruit salad.

NOTE: Some No. 2 cans included under No. 1's and some 5 oz. and 10 oz. under 8 oz.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned fruit production and exports, 1969-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Canned Fruit	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Production:					
Apricots	699	773	1,206	840	711
Mixed fruit	1,568	2,394	1,777	1,909	2,094
Peaches	4,063	3,934	4,854	4,478	4,567
Pears	1,795	4,394	3,478	2,225	2,965
Total deciduous	8,125	11,495	11,315	9,452	10,337
Exports:					
Apricots	245	267	358	290	350
Mixed fruit	1,059	1,396	1,309	1,448	1,600
Peaches	2,568	2,599	2,733	2,632	3,600
Pears	1,494	2,244	2,372	2,114	2,900
Total deciduous	5,366	6,506	6,772	6,484	8,450

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

Australian packout of all canned fruit, 1969-72
(In percents)

Grade	1969	1970	1971	1972
Fancy	9.5	4.3	5.7	10.4
Choice	57.2	64.0	61.6	57.6
Standard	19.9	21.0	17.1	20.6
Domestic	13.4	10.7	15.6	11.4

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned peach supply and distribution, 1970-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	391	282	1,099	1,504
Production	3,934	4,854	4,478	4,567
Total	4,325	5,136	5,577	6,071
Distribution:				
Exports	2,599	2,733	2,632	3,600
Domestic consumption	1,444	1,304	1,441	1,400
Ending stocks, December 31	282	1,099	1,504	1,071
Total	4,325	5,136	5,577	6,071

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

Australian canned pear supply and distribution, 1970-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	318	1,668	1,864	1,301
Production	4,394	3,478	2,225	2,965
Total	4,712	5,146	4,089	4,266
Distribution:				
Exports	2,244	2,372	2,114	2,900
Domestic consumption	800	910	674	700
Ending stocks, December 31	1,668	1,864	1,301	666
Total	4,712	5,146	4,089	4,266

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

Australian canned apricot supply and distribution, 1970-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	68	105	439	401
Production	773	1,206	840	711
Total	841	1,311	1,279	1,112
Distribution:				
Exports	267	358	290	350
Domestic consumption	469	514	588	500
Ending stocks, December 31	105	439	401	262
Total	841	1,311	1,279	1,112

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

Australian mixed fruit pack composition,
Average 1961-65, 1966-70 and annual 1968-73
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Year	Fruit cocktail	Fruit salad	Two-fruits	Total
1961-65	175	50	292	517
1966-70	811	78	809	1,698
1968	1,011	56	835	1,902
1969	732	51	785	1,568
1970	1,098	45	1,251	2,394
1971	816	89	872	1,777
1972	1,109	87	713	1,909
1973 <u>2/</u>	1,068	78	948	2,094

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate

Australian canned mixed fruit 1/ supply and distribution, 1970-73
(In thousands of cases 2/)

Item	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>3/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	417	868	857	798
Production	2,394	1,777	1,909	2,094
Total	2,811	2,645	2,766	2,892
Distribution:				
Exports	1,396	1,309	1,448	1,600
Domestic consumption	547	479	520	500
Ending stocks, December 31	868	857	798	792
Total	2,811	2,645	2,766	2,892

1/ Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and diced two-fruit mixtures.

2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

3/ Estimate

Australian canned deciduous fruit production by State,
average 1961-65, 1966-70 and annual 1969-72
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of Fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	South Australia	Other States	Total
Canned apricots:					
Average:					
1961-65	110	294	214	33	651
1966-70	124	465	179	14	782
Annual:					
1969	114	377	201	7	699
1970	111	483	177	2	773
1971	200	649	334	23	1,206
1972	163	480	193	4	840
Canned peaches:					
Average:					
1961-65	760	1,698	680	45	3,183
1966-70	969	2,454	1,064	60	4,547
Annual:					
1969	837	2,247	935	44	4,063
1970	873	2,066	946	49	3,934
1971	1,030	2,511	1,259	54	4,854
1972	962	2,236	1,232	48	4,478
Canned pears:					
Average:					
1961-65	131	2,481	107	69	2,788
1966-70	116	2,824	102	74	3,115
Annual:					
1969	30	1,640	56	69	1,795
1970	167	4,000	161	66	4,394
Annual:					
1969	30	1,640	56	69	1,795
1970	167	4,000	161	66	4,394
1971	86	3,132	192	68	3,478
1972	142	1,961	96	26	2,225
Canned mixed fruit:					
Average:					
1961-65	35	344	104	34	517
1966-70	68	1,353	246	31	1,698
Annual:					
1969	59	1,261	209	39	1,568
1970	149	2,012	233	---	2,394
1971	160	1,386	231	---	1,777
1972	180	1,511	217	1	1,909
Total deciduous fruit:					
Average:					
1961-65	1,036	4,817	1,105	181	7,139
1966-70	1,277	7,096	1,590	179	10,143
Annual:					
1969	1,040	5,525	1,401	159	8,125
1970	1,300	8,561	1,517	119	11,495
1971	1,476	7,678	2,016	145	11,315
1972	1,447	6,188	1,738	79	9,452

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian tree numbers for selected fruit, 1966-67 through 1973-74
(In thousands of trees)

Year	Apricots		Peaches		Pears	
	Bearing : Nonbearing	Total : Bearing : Nonbearing	Total : Bearing : Nonbearing	Total : Bearing : Nonbearing	Total : Bearing : Nonbearing	Total : Bearing : Nonbearing
1966-67 .. :	962	1,153	2,452	551	3,003	2,039 636 2,671
1967-68 .. :	909	1,120	2,397	614	3,011	2,167 548 2,715
1968-69 .. :	893	1,085	2,349	546	2,895	2,188 523 2,711
1969-70 .. :	867	1,043	2,353	514	2,867	2,205 489 2,694
1970-71 .. :	877	1,047	2,272	497	2,769	2,267 382 2,649
1971-72 .. :	882	1,054	2,252	481	2,733	2,145 349 2,494
1/ 1972-73 .. :	880	2/	2,240	2/	2/	2,200 2/ 2/
3/ 1973-74 .. :	861	2/	2,200	2/	2/	2,300 2/ 2/

1/ Preliminary
2/ Not available
3/ Estimate

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, 1971-72 and Trends in Australian Rural Production and Exports, Commonwealth Bureau of Census Statistics, Canberra

Australian tree numbers for selected fruit by State in 1971-72
(In thousands of trees)

Kind of Fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
<u>Bearing:</u>							
Apples	1,275	1,354	1,108	538	1,043	2,015	7,337
Apricots	139	267	47	371	16	42	882
Cherries	233	151	1	49	3	4	439
Nectarines	32	31	34	20	6	2	125
Peaches	578	1,090	147	379	55	4	2,252
Pears	218	1,440	99	170	69	149	2,145
Plums and prunes ..	401	128	128	65	73	4	800
<u>Total:</u>							
Apples	1,638	1,699	1,311	671	1,248	2,540	9,111
Apricots	152	326	55	453	19	50	1,054
Cherries	377	209	1	72	7	9	675
Nectarines	47	51	46	26	9	3	182
Peaches	689	1,353	173	449	64	5	2,733
Pears	261	1,644	127	208	88	165	2,494
Plums and prunes ..	499	175	159	84	83	5	1,006

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, Commonwealth Bureau of Census Statistics, Canberra, 1971-72

Australian canned fruit minimum grower prices
per short tons 1/ for first-quality fruit,
1970-73 seasons
(In U.S. dollars)

Fruit	:	1970	:	1971	:	1972	:	1973 <u>2/</u>
Apricots	:	110	:	115	:	122	:	132
Peaches:	:		:		:		:	
Cling, clear center	:	103	:	109	:	116	:	137
Cling, other	:	99	:	105	:	112	:	132
Freestone	:	72	:	77	:	82	:	97
Pears:	:		:		:		:	
Bartlett	:	100	:	100	:	106	:	126

1/ Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door

2/ U.S. dollar changes in price levels were caused by the changes in currency rates. Actual prices established were mostly unchanged in Australian dollars.

SOURCE: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee

Australian canned fruit opening export prices for shipments
to the United Kingdom (c.i.f. U.K. port), 1970-73
(In U.S. dollars)

Item	:	Price per dozen choice grade 2½'s <u>1/</u>							
	:	1970	:	1971	:	1972	:	1973	<u>2/</u>
Apricot halves	:	3.54		3.82		4.14		4.59	
Peach halves and slices	:								
(clingstone)	:	3.39		3.66		4.01		4.40	
Pear halves and quarters	:								
(Bartlett)	:	3.51		3.66		4.01		<u>3/</u>	
Fruit cocktail	:	3.99		4.24		4.66		5.18	
Two-fruit	:	3.45		3.66		4.01		<u>3/</u>	
Fruit salad	:	4.41		4.68		5.08		5.56	

1/ Quotations converted to U.S. dollars at rate applicable at time of quotation and are not directly comparable to prior years.

2/ Australian prices were withdrawn shortly after announcement and increased an average of approximately 3½ percent.

3/ Not available.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board and industry publications

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